

POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule



The residential and recycling pickup schedule for Jan. 11, is glass, plastic and metal containers. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

Introduction to computerized medical billing

The Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program will offer a free computerized medical billing class, 6 to 9:15 p.m. on Wednesday evenings, through Feb. 1.

The class introduces students to computerized medical billing procedures. Topics include computerized billing programs, how to enter patient demographics, charges and how to post patient payments.

The prerequisite is Introduction to Medical Insurance Billing.

For more information, call Marilyn Howard, employment readiness manager, Army Community Service, building 2754, 410-278-9669.

PWOC announces new programs

All women are invited to join Protestant Women of the Chapel for any of three bible study groups at the APG Main Chapel.

On Monday nights starting Jan. 9, from 7 to 9 p.m., the study topic will be "The Patriarchs" by Beth Moore.

On Thursday mornings from 9:15 to 11:45 a.m. PWOC will offer three different studies: "Following God: Enhancing your marriage" by Judi Rossi; "The Confident Women: Knowing who you are in Christ" by Anabel Gilham and "A Heart Like His" by Beth Moore.

The Women of Grace meet the first Friday of the month at 7 p.m. and the second Saturday at 9 a.m. This group will study "Calm my anxious Heart" by Linda Dillow. During all bible studies childcare will be available.

For more information, call Marcia Larsen, 410-272-7425.

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2005 Year in Review

2005 Rewind



APG News

During this age of electronic gadgets and gizmos, *APG News* decided to design the 2005 Rewind paper with that in mind.

Readers will notice icons to fast forward to a jump page where the Year in Review will continue.

The remainder of this week's paper is pretty much a catch up on the stories that occurred just prior to the last printing of the paper in 2005, mostly holiday happenings.

It's been a year of many awards, accomplishments, innovations in technology, promotions, changes of command, program development, budget constraints, and the news of the Base Realignment and Closure impact on Aberdeen Proving Ground.

The date of the particular *APG News* issue containing the article appears in bold print, starting on page 5 to help the reader find the full story at www.apgnews-army.mil.

Hopefully, 2005 Rewind offers readers a look at the past year and a look forward to an even brighter future in 2006.

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Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Staff Sgt. Shadrick Brown of the 61st Ordnance Brigade places a set of ID tags on a memorial to ordnance Soldiers killed in the War on Terror during the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools and Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School's 9-11 Remembrance Ceremony at Ordnance Circle Sept. 9.

Santa visits APG



Photo by GARY BROOKS

Anthony Vaughters, left, the husband of Staff Sgt. Yolanda Vaughters, HHC 143rd Ordnance Battalion, smiles broadly as his daughters Kiara, 4, (in blue) and Dasani, 3, (in pink) chat with Santa Claus who toured the Skippers Point housing area courtesy of a fire engine from the Edgewood Fire House Dec. 21.

D.A.R.E. returns

Story and photo by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

A popular program to deter youth from illegal drugs during the 1980s and 90s, the D.A.R.E. program is about to make a comeback in a big way on Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Community Policing Officer Mike "Big Mike" Farlow said that the state of Maryland has revised the program and that APG will be among the first communities to "get on board."

"It's definitely coming back," Farlow said. "They tried other programs since then and none of them worked."

"The new D.A.R.E. is more interactive. Drug prevention remains the focus but it's also about good decision making,"

he added.

"We plan to implement it on post with our children, first at Aberdeen in the spring and hopefully expand it to Edgewood during the summer."

Farlow visited the Aberdeen Youth Center and Child Development Center to introduce the program to fourth and fifth graders and pre-schoolers who may be interested in signing up.

He brought along his D.A.R.E. mascot and family pet, "Chopper The Crime Stopper," a friendly bulldog dressed in a black vest with the D.A.R.E. logo on it. The children were charmed by Chopper and seemed interested in what Farlow had to say.

"We just came to introduce

the program and give them something to look forward to," Farlow said. "Most of them seemed very interested."

The D.A.R.E. program begins in January at the APG CDC and in March at the APG Youth Center.

"Fourth, fifth and sixth graders who sign up will take the class Thursday mornings from about 7:15 to 8:15," said Katie Knoth, child and youth program assistant.

"The course is 10 weeks with the tenth week being graduation," Farlow added.

"We plan to invite local officials and even the governor because everyone realizes the importance of the D.A.R.E. program," he said. "It's a big deal and it's coming back."

Watch card

Report any suspicious activity immediately to the APG Police:
Aberdeen, 410-306-2222, 4-2222
Edgewood, 410-436-2222, 5-2222
Off post in Maryland, 1-800-492-TIPS (8477) or call 911.

Your call may save lives.

Note - Do not take this card with you when on travel outside of the United States.



Fourth and fifth graders in the Aberdeen Youth Center Before and After School Program listen as APG Community Police Officer Mike "Big Mike" Farlow and his bulldog "Chopper The Crime Stopper" tells them about the D.A.R.E. program that will be revitalized at Aberdeen Proving Ground this spring.

Soldiers send thank you to APG Thrift Shop



Photos courtesy of THEA SARVER
Soldiers at the Baghdad Area Exchange display a giant, signed thank you note to praise the Aberdeen Proving Ground Thrift Shop, which donated 177 phone cards to Soldiers overseas. The Thrift Shop spent \$1,003 on the cards that were distributed to Soldiers through the exchange, just in time for the holidays.



Maj. Jeffrey Winston, commander of HHC Garrison, center, his secretary, Candace Hollingsworth, left and Staff Sgt. William Benjamin, chaplain assistant, right, sort donated coats and jackets collected through the Garrison Coat Drive after delivering them to representatives of the Harford County Department of Social Services at the Wage Connection in Aberdeen Dec. 22.

Garrison coat drive concludes successfully

Story and photo by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison completed its second annual Coat Drive with a delivery of more than 150 coats and jackets to the Harford County Department of Social Services just in time for Christmas Dec. 22.

Maj. Jeffrey Winston, commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison, his secretary Candace Hollingsworth, and Staff Sgt. William Benjamin, chaplains assistant, made the delivery to the Wage Connection in Aberdeen that morning.

Accepting the huge donation was Pam Abramson, family services social worker, assisted by family associate Beverly Johnson and social worker Rose Sands.

"This is really a blessing to have people reach out to others

with warm coats during cold times," said Robbyn Zimmerman, supervisor of Family Services for HCDSS.

Abramson said that clients arriving for appointments at the center would be directed to the back room where the coats are laid out on four long tables and encouraged to sort through them and select any items that fulfill their needs.

"This has been a huge success, starting with the first drive last year," Abramson said. "We're so grateful to [former HHC USAG commander] Maj. Anissa McNeill for getting this started and to APG for keeping it going."

She added that the HCDSS sponsors clothing drives in the spring and fall, including clothing for men, women, children, toddlers and infants, household goods and more.

Winston said a total of 154 coats in 15 plastic bags were delivered.

"The donated items were collected from designated sites on Aberdeen and Edgewood from November 14th to December 15th," Winston said. "We inspected each item and all were found to be serviceable. Many are even new."

He said that coordination with Army Community Service ensured that families in need on APG also benefited from the drive as several articles went to "military families first."

He thanked Arcelio Alleyne, ACS; the U.S. Army Environmental Center for developing posters to advertise the drive, and he credited Hollingsworth with coordinating the coat drive efforts.

"We went by last year's drive and took it from there," Hollingsworth said, "Then we contacted the Harford County office and different organizations on post about placing collection boxes in their areas."



Lt. Col. Linwood Clark, commander, 143rd Ordnance Battalion, left carries hula hoops to the Marine 5-ton vehicle as Capt. Hercules Murray, 1st Sgt. Montonya Boozier and Marine Cpl. Chris Siburt lifts a box of toys to Marine Cpl. Seth Mitchell at Downer Hall Dec. 15.

Story and photo by
Khaalid Walls
OC&S

Soldiers from the 143rd Ordnance Battalion, 20th Support Command (CRBNE) and the 22nd Chemical Battalion helped bolster the Marine Corps' Toys for Tots program this year.

The three units donated more than 700 toys. Marines from the 4th Combat Engineers Battalion picked up the toys from Downer Hall Dec. 15.

Battalion commander Lt. Col. Linwood Clark, a Balt-

imore native, said it was important for his unit to participate in the toy drive.

Last year, while on staff at the Pentagon, he and Soldiers from the Army's G-3 office made a similar effort and he was inspired to bring the program to Aberdeen Proving Ground.

"I think the Marine Corps commandant was a bit surprised to see so many toys we collected last year," Clark said. "I was really moved by that and thought maybe we could do something on a smaller scale. Fortunately,

HHC 20th Support Command (CBRNE) and 22d Chemical Battalion (TE) were excited to participate with us. So this was a joint effort on the part of three APG/Edgewood area tenants."

Clark said he hopes the program continues well after he relinquishes command.

"I would like to keep it going as an annual event and maybe get more commands involved," he said.

The toys gathered will go to children in the Harford and Baltimore County areas.



Photo courtesy of GENERAL PHYSICS CORP.
The staff of General Physics collected several bags of toys, food and clothing during their third annual donation drive to support Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion.

General Physics plays Santa again

General Physics Corp.

To show their appreciation for the sacrifices made by Army families, General Physics personnel again played Santa to the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion Dec. 16.

For the third year in a row, General Physics' Edgewood and Aberdeen personnel collected money and solicited donations to aid Army families in need.

"The gifts are a symbol of General Physics' support for the many short-term and long-term sacrifices made by Army families," said David Milton, a retired sergeant first class.

General Physics personnel shopped at local merchants for toys, clothing, and food for eight families with 21 children.

Headquarters and Headquarters Company Commander Capt. Brian Courter and

the 1st Sgt. Neil Washington, as well as several Soldiers assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion, spoke of the generosity of General Physics and hoped that they would continue to support families in need.

Courter presented Greg Thomas of General Physics with a U.S. Army Ordnance certificate to show his appreciation, and then presented all General Physics representatives with commander's coins of excellence.

Sgt. 1st Class Dale Woods gave Thomas another certificate from the U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School as a show of appreciation from the Soldiers.

General Physics personnel, many of whom are veterans themselves, know the hard-

ships that Army Soldiers and their families face--separation, monetary shortfalls, danger and loneliness.

Milton began this effort three years ago and is still an active supporter of the project. He even cooked homemade beef jerky to benefit the Santa fund. Others contributed baked items to sell to add to the fund.

"General Physics wanted to ensure that Soldier families had fun playing with their Oriole and Ironbird items while eating some Heavenly Ham and Commissary-supplied meals," Milton said. "Even after the holiday, the Soldier families will be able to bowl thanks to the APG Bowling Lanes."

General Physics honors its Army brethren for keeping the United States safe and out of harm's way.

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Post Shorts

Blue Cross visits APG

The APG Advisory Center has made arrangements for a claim representative of the Service Benefit Plan Blue Cross/Blue Shield to visit Tuesday, Jan. 10.

The representative will be available from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in building 305, room 236, and 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in building E-4811 (Seminar Area of Conference Center) to discuss claim problems and plan coverage.

No appointment is necessary. For more information, call Teri Wright, Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, 410-278-4331.

Garrison holds Blood Drive

Headquarters and Headquarters U.S. Army Garrison APG is holding a blood drive 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Jan. 11, at the APG Chapel Social Hall. Everyone is encouraged to attend

For more information, call Candice Hollingsworth, 410-278-3000.

MLK observance Jan. 12

APG and the Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine will sponsor a Martin Luther King Day Observance 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., Jan. 12, in the Starke

Recreation Center on Edgewood. The theme is “Remember! Celebrate! Act! A Day On...Not A Day Off!”

The guest speaker is Minister Teresa Samuels. Sgt. Jamal Lawson, CHPPM, will perform a musical selection.

For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Serino, AGP EO Office, 410-278-1534, Kathleen Crosby, APG EEO Office, 410-278-1137 or Linda Patrick, CHPPM, 410-436-1023.

Warrant Officer briefings scheduled

The Warrant Officer Recruiting Team from Headquarters, U.S. Army Recruiting Command,

Fort Knox, Ky., are scheduled to visit APG to give briefings on qualifications and application procedures to applicants interested in becoming U.S. Army Warrant Officers 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., Jan. 12, at the Soldier Support Center, building 4305, room 243A.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Elijah Mobley, installation career counselor, 410-652-6483.

WANTED: Female Youth Supervisor

Females looking for a challenging career working with teens between the ages of 16 and 18 need look no further. The National Guard Freestate

ChalleNge Academy based at Aberdeen Proving Ground is currently accepting applications. The starting salary is \$11.73 hourly. It is a contract position, but can lead to a permanent state position.

Females interested should call 410-306-1839/1845.

Special Forces scouting for a few special Soldiers

Special Forces - Sine Pari “without equal”--it says more about an individual than an individual can ever say about themselves.

A briefing for joining the Special Forces will be held 1 p.m. and 5 p.m., Jan. 18, at the Aberdeen Recreation Center, building 3326, the NCO Room. A PT test is also scheduled for 7 a.m., Jan. 19, location to be announced.

For more information, call the Special Forces Recruiting Team, Fort Bragg, N.C., DSN 306-2769, Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Stenovitch, 1-877-840-8596 or e-mail joseph.stenovitch@usarec.army.mil, or call the APG Retention Office, 410-306-2769.

Volunteers needed on Minority College Team

To meet the minimum requirements outlined by DA, the Aberdeen Proving Ground Minority College Team needs volunteers.

The team meets quarterly to develop and administer aggressive outreach strategies that promote beneficial collaborative partnerships and relationships with minority serving institutions.

Anyone interested in joining the team should e-mail APG-MCRT@apg.army.mil.

Spring fling scheduled

APG’s second Community Festival will be held April 8 at Capa Field in Edgewood. All community groups are invited to participate in the Spring Fling with a booth and/or activities.

Planning meetings are held Wednesdays, the next being Jan. 18.

Anyone interested may contact Pat Palazzi, event chair, 410-278-4685.

‘ENERGY MATTERS’

Clothes washing

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Wash full loads or adjust the water level to fit the size of the load.

Save up to 5 percent on water heating costs by washing and rinsing clothes in cold water. Most laundry detergents are made to clean just as well at cold temperatures.

Replace cracked hoses and fix leaky faucet connections.

Dry full loads, but don't overload. Separate lightweight and heavy clothes for more energy-efficient drying. Don't over-dry clothes.

Clean the lint filter before drying each load.

Dry two or more loads in a row to take advantage of the heat still in the dryer.

Line dry clothes when possible. Clean the machine.

Periodically remove any buildup of lint and dust from the dryer exhaust, the back of the dryer and behind the lint screen.

Periodically make sure the dryer's outside moisture exhaust is operating properly. Remove any lint buildup.

Be sure the dryer’s exhaust duct is connected properly to the outside terminal, using the straightest and shortest duct possible.

Manufacturers recommend that dryer exhausts be made of rigid sheet metal or corrugated semi-rigid sheet metal, not coiled-wire foil or plastic material.

Replace leaky exhaust terminals. Check the outside dryer exhaust terminal to make sure it closes as it was designed to do and is not blocked with lint.

USAWOA meetings

The Aberdeen-Edgewood Chapter of the U.S. Army Warrant Officers Association meets on the third Thursday of

the month at noon in the Warrant Officer Hut located on School Street. For more information, call retired Chief Warrant Officer 4 Pete Hill, 410-278-4195.

Movies

ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3.50, CHILDREN \$1.75
Building 3245 Aberdeen Boulevard

To verify listing, call 410-272-9008, or visit www.aafes.com and click on “Movie Listing.”

HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE

Friday, Jan. 6, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 7, 9 p.m.

Starring: Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson, Eric Sykes

Harry (Radcliffe), now 14 years old and entering his fourth year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, is mysteriously drafted to participate in the dangerous Tri-wizard Tournament. But the competition turns into more than just a game when the evil Lord Voldemort and his

followers decide to play along. (Rated PG-13)

DERAILED (FREE ADMISSION)

Saturday, Jan. 7, 7 p.m.

Starring: Clive Owen, Jennifer Aniston, Vincent Cassel

A married ad exec (Owen) meets a woman (Aniston) on his morning subway commute, and before long, they're having a hot affair. But the fling turns into something more dangerous when a criminal confronts and blackmails them. (Rated R)

LEAVE DONATION

To participate in the Voluntary Leave Program, use forms OPM 630, Application to Become a Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program; OPF 630-A, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (within agency); and

OPM 630-B, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (outside agency). For more information, call Ronda McKinney, 410-278-8988, or e-mail rondamckinney@usag.apg.army.mil.

Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

Michele Amrhein	Renee Gaffney	(kidney failure)
Jeanie Bowman	Kay Gilbert	Sandra Miller
Robert Brown	Susan Gorhan	Mary Pettway
Andrew Buchanan	Shirley Gross	Tess Ramos (total hip replacement)
Leroy Carter	Melanie A. Hoffman	Barbara Seker
Barbara Cascio	(parasinusitis, fibromyalgia condition)	Cynthia Shelton
Barbara Crossley	Lydia Langley	Linda Shoaf
Sharon Daemer	Robyn Lee	Tomika Silver
Lola Daniels	Michael Lewis	Alison Tichenor
Shelia Davison (benign paroxysmal positional vertigo)	Wayne Kaiser	Gary Tudor (heart valve replacement)
Geraldine Eaton	Beverly King (caring for husband)	Jerry Williams
Gregory Fox	Priscilla Kelly	Billie Wooten
	William B. McLean	Gerard Yursis

CORRECTION

Due to a printing problem with Dec 22, *APG News*, the attribution was mistakenly left off of the feature article “Cruisin’ with Ann,” on page 9.

Previous *APG News* designer Diane Burrier, who now works as a contractor for Log.Sec-Corporation assigned to the U.S. Army Environmental Center, used her artistic talents on this layout design for the article written by Jean Skillman.

APG News thanks both of them for their collaborated effort.



Morale, Welfare & Recreation

Activities

Registration

Register for any MWR event by visiting the specific facility for the event, mailing in a registration form found in an MWR Program Brochure, visiting MWR Registration, building 3326, or visiting online at www.apgmwr.com.

Snack Bar changes hours

Effective Jan. 18, Edgewood's Stark Recreation Center Snack Bar will be open 5:30 to 8 p.m., Wednesdays and Thursdays.

For more information, call 410-436-2713.

ACS Community Job Fair scheduled

The Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program will hold a Community Job Fair, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Jan. 12, at the Aberdeen Recreation Center, building 3326.

A number of local employers have full or part-time positions available. Job seekers can talk to representatives from government agencies, high tech corporations, law enforcement agencies, security companies, financial companies and temporary agencies.

The fair is free and open to all members of the armed services, their family members, retired military and DoD civilian personnel.

For more information, call Marilyn Howard, Employment Readiness Program, building 2754, 410-278-9669.

Lego Mindstorms Robotic Club

Join the Lego® Mindstorms™ Robotics Club and learn how to program and

create a robot.

The Robotics Club will meet 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Jan. 10 through May 30 at Aberdeen Youth Services, building 2522.

Club members will learn to design and program real robots that can do what they tell them to do. With the Robotics Invention System club members can create everything from a light-sensitive intruder alarm to a robotic rover that can follow a trail, move around obstacles and even duck into dark corners. Club members also get to participate in the USFIRST competitions, which are sponsored by NASA. Club members should have strong math skills, basic algebra and some geometry, as math is used to program the robots. CYS Membership is required.

Register by Jan. 6 at CYS Central Registration, 410-278-7571/7479

Jujitsu

These instructional classes in the "ancient art of hand-to-hand combat" are designed to enable the student to become proficient in the art of self-defense.

The course includes learning take-downs, grappling, gripping and ground floor fighting to subdue an opponent.

Students will be responsible for obtaining any individualized equipment needed for the program.

The instructor is the World Champion, Grandmaster Irving Soto, a 10th degree black and red belt, who has experience as an actor, stuntman, musician and was honored in the International Hall of Fame.

Cost is \$35. Class meets

Tuesday, 6 to 8 p.m. at the APG Athletic Center, building 3301.

Register by Jan. 6.

Military cruise specials

Carnival Cruise Lines "The Fun Ships" offers cruise specials for military personnel and all DoD card holders through March 3, with cruises leaving from selected ports. Cruises that sail from three days to eight days are available. Carnival ships include the Fascination, Fantasy, Elation, Conquest, Victory, Liberty and more.

For more information on Carnival Cruise destinations and dates of departure, visit the APG MWR <http://www.apgmwr.com>, and click on the Special Offers page, linked with the Special Offers gold coins icon); or visit <http://www.apgmwr.com/specialoffers.html>. Under Special Tickets and Other Offers page, scroll down to Military Cruise Specials.

For more information or to book a cruise, call MWR Registration and Leisure Travel Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4497, e-mail mwr_registration@apg.army.mil or visit <http://www.apgmwr.com/recreation/travel.html>.

All day Scrapbook Crop

Seasoned scrapbookers or those who've always wanted to try scrapbooking are invited to "Crop Till You Drop" at Top of the Bay, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Jan. 15.

Participants should bring their pictures and supplies.

The cost for a full day of cropping is \$22 per person.



Winter Fitness Classes

**\$48 Unlimited Classes
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SCHOOL LIAISON

**NASA Space Camp
applications being
accepted**

Applications are being accepted for the 2006 Bernard Curtis Brown II Memorial Space Camp scholarship. Children of an active duty military parent enrolled in grades six through nine are eligible to apply. The scholarship is funded by the military Child Education Coalition.

Full tuition includes meals, lodging, program materials and transportation from the student's home base to nearest Space Camp.

The deadline for completed applications is April 1, 2006.

For more information or to apply for the scholarship, call Ivan Mehoskey, 410-278-2857, or visit the Web site <http://www.militarychild.org/SpaceCamp.asp>.



Photo by SEAN KIEF
Capt. Kevin Carrick, center, company commander of the Maryland Army National Guard's Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade (Forward), 29th Infantry Division, gives a final address to the Task Force Soldiers of Noble Eagle IV after their departure ceremony at the Edgewood Area Recreation Center Jan. 19. The Task Force, which included Soldiers from the 2/115th Field Artillery, was charged with security missions on Aberdeen Proving Ground for nine months.



Photo by MEGHAN BOWEN
Soldiers cheer as Beary Hobbs Drifters, the Marvelettes and Cornell Gunter's Coasters sing the show's title song, 'Stand Up America,' written by Dave Revels of the Coasters.

January

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February

Jan. 6

Aberdeen chaplains organize a tsunami contribution campaign.

Jan. 13

The U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools formalizes a partnership agreement with Harford County schools during a formal signing led by Brig. Gen. Vincent E. Boles, OC&S commander and Jacqueline Haas, superintendent at Roy-Williams Elementary School, Jan. 4.

The Aberdeen Chemical Agent Disposal Facility begins operation of the Ton Container Cleanout Facility which is designed to clean, decontaminate and cut in half steel containers in which the mustard agent has been drained and destroyed Jan. 7.

Two products developed by the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, the Biological Sampling Kit, or Biskit, and the Automated Decision-Aid System for Hazardous Incidents, or ADASHI, win the 2005 Award for Excellence in Technology Transfer which is sponsored by the Federal Laboratory Consortium for Technology Transfer.

Jan. 20

The Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security names Mark Holden the APG Police Officer of the Year for 2004 during a ceremony at the APG Emergency Services Center Jan. 12.

APG Garrison announces plans to reward fuel conscious drivers who consistently save money using its fleet of Compressed Natural Gas vehicles. Quarterly and annual winners will receive 59 minutes or commander's coins and certificates of appreciation.

Jan. 27

The Task Force Soldiers of Noble Eagle IV from the Maryland Army National Guard's Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade (Forward), 29th Infantry Division and the Tennessee National Guard's 115th Field Artillery depart APG after fulfilling a nine-month security mission Jan. 19.

Officer Irving Soto, Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security, is inducted into the World Professional Arts Organization's 2005 Hall of Fame at New York's Madison Square Gardens Jan. 7. He is a 10th degree black belt.

Feb. 3

Lt. Col. Alan Ott becomes the 19th commander of the 203rd Military Intelligence Battalion during a ceremony at the Aberdeen Athletic Center Jan. 22. Ott assumed command of the multi-component unit of active and Reserve Soldiers from Lt. Col. James V. Young Jr.

January's retirement ceremony hails farewell to Sgt. Maj. Garen Franklin, U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools; Carl N. Corriggio, APG Garrison Community Recreation Division; and William W. Welch, U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School.

Feb. 10

The APG Army Substance Abuse Program staff hosts six Department of the Army installations for two days of training on the Risk Reduction Readiness Program.

Feb. 17

The Edgewood Chemical Activity, with support from the 22nd Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort) removes the last container of mustard agent from Aberdeen's Chemical Agent Storage Yard Feb. 2.

MWR presents the Stand Up America show featuring Cornell Gunter's Coasters, Beary Hobbs' Drifters and the Marvelettes at the Post Theater Feb. 9.

Feb. 24

U.S. Senator Barbara Mikulski presents the Purple Heart medal to Capt. William Jones, former commander of a Fort Campbell, Ky., unit during an award ceremony at the Ordnance Museum Feb. 14.



Photo by MEGHAN BOWEN
From left, Chavon Borden, Tamia Kimble, Dominique Gibson, Bianca Williams-Versammy and Stephanie Williams cheer on fellow young artists receiving certificates for their participation in the 2005 National Fine Arts Exhibition Jan. 7 hosted by the Aberdeen Youth Center.



Photo by RALPH BROTH
Capt. William Jones, commander, Company C, 506th Infantry Regiment (Air Assault), receives the Purple Heart Medal from U.S. Senator Barbara Mikulski while Brig. Gen. Roger A. Nadeau, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, far right, looks on during the award ceremony at the Ordnance Museum Feb. 14. Jo

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Under the terms of MCART, the Roadway Simulator at U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center, the largest of its kind in the United States, will be used for collaborative research and testing.



Canine handlers from Chesapeake Search Dogs, a non-profit agency that provides search dogs to state, local and government agencies, direct one of their dogs to sniff out the rubble of a collapsed building on Aberdeen Proving Ground during the joint exercise between installation and Baltimore County emergency responders.

March

March 3

More than 700 people attend the 32nd annual Wilbert Davis Gospel Night featuring local choirs and hosted by the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools.

Brig. Gen. Jerome A. Haberek, deputy chief of Chaplains, is the guest speaker at the National Prayer Luncheon hosted by the APG Garrison at Top of the Bay Feb. 16.

March 10

Police officers from the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security apprehend illegal poachers in APG waters and confiscate more than 2,500 pounds protected yellow perch, releasing more than 20,000 pounds back into the water.

The Northeast Civilian Personnel Operations Center honors Black History month with the play 'Let's Take a Long Walk' in the Post Recreation Center Feb. 23.

The U.S. Marine Corps Detachment wins the 2005 intramural Bench Press competition held at the APG Athletic Center Feb. 26. Company A, 16th Ordnance Battalion, came in second place and Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 61st Ordnance Brigade, placed third.

March 17

The Aberdeen Chemical Agent Disposal Facility neutralizes the last batch of mustard agent March 11, marking the end of draining and neutralizing APG's chemical agent stockpile.

Lt. Gen. James L. Campbell, director of the Army Staff, flies to APG from the Pentagon to promote his former operations noncommissioned officer Staff Sgt. Angela Howze of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 143rd to the rank of sergeant first class during a ceremony at the Gunpowder club March 11.

APG retirees for February include Jacqueline A. Morrissey and Brian L. Moore, Northeast Civilian Operations Center; Gary R. Testerman Sr. and Maurice L. Bishop, APG Garrison; and Betty J. Gehr, Army Contracting Agency.

March 24

The U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools announces its 2005 Service Members of the Year. They include: Sgt. Ruby Betancourt, NCO of the Year; Pfc. Steven Presser, Soldier of the year; Staff Sgt. Orlando P. Gonzalez, Drill Sergeant of the Year; Sgt. Aaron Enns, U.S. Marine Corps Detachment Instructor of the Year; Sgt. Jesse C. Williams, USMC Detachment Instructor of the Year; Tech. Sgt. Rudy E. Rohrbaugh Jr., USAF Detachment NCO of the Year; Staff Sgt. William G. Goodwin, USAF Detachment Instructor of the Year; Master Sgt. David R. O'Dell, USAF Detachment Senior NCO of the Year and Kevin R. Washok, USAF Detachment Civilian Instructor of the Year.

The Team APG Business Development Office and the Maryland Technology Development Corporation, TEDCO, host a Technology Showcase featuring organizations from the U.S. Army Research Development and Engineering Command and the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine at the Edgewood Conference Center March 9.

HHC 143rd Ordnance Battalion defeats HHC 61st Ordnance Brigade, 59-55, to win the intramural basketball post championship at the APG Athletic Center March 15.

March 31

As RDECOM marks its first anniversary, Maj. Gen. Roger A. Nadeau, commander of APG and RDECOM, announces the assignment of Dr. Robin Keesee as his deputy.

The APG Police Academy receives national accreditation for its police training facility during the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. conference in Birmingham, Ala., March 19.

During its 2nd Annual Dining Out, the Susquehanna Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America honors retired Col. Orville Hughes who was named the Maryland Veteran of the Year by the Maryland Commission on Veterans Affairs.

April

April 7

Nadeau stresses the importance of moving beyond boundaries that limit creativity and progress during an address to participants at the Association of the United States Army's Winter Symposium held in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Feb 14 to 18.

APG Garrison and Army Community Service host the Army Family Action Plan Symposium XIX at Top of the Bay March 29 to 31.

Boles hosts an APG Retirement Ceremony at the Ball Conference Center March 30 honoring Col. Charles E. Huffman, OC&S assistant chief of staff for the Army Reserve; Sgt. Maj. Michael J. Kozak, OC&S chief of Weapons and Metalworking Division; Sgt. 1st Class Julio Martinez, U.S. Army Research Laboratory; Louis S. Pierce, audiovisual specialist, Directorate of Information Management; and Marie C. Hanna, quality assurance specialist, APG Garrison.

APG Post Exchange loss prevention associate Brenda Capulli is awarded a Garrison commander's coin and Certificate of Appreciation for saving the life of a U.S. Air Force Detachment Airman after notifying cadre members of his purchase of five boxes of Robitussin cold tablets in an apparent suicide attempt during a ceremony at the PX March 30.

KUSAHC announces that as of April 15 patient care clinics will be reorganized and streamlined and that patient care areas have been refurbished and modernized to provide improved access for future expansion.

April 14

Nadeau joins U.S. Senator Hillary Clinton in accepting the U.S. Army's first fuel-cell powered truck during a ceremony at the General Motors Corporation research facility outside Rochester, N.Y., April 1.

The state monument to American Ex-Prisoners of War is dedicated at the U.S. Army Ordnance Museum April 9.

The Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security's Community Police Unit, known as the McGruff House and located at 3847-E Flag Court in Patriot Village, officially celebrates its grand opening with a community open house April 9. Mike "Big Mike" Farlow is the unit's community police officer.

MWR's first Amateur Boxing Night draws nearly 700 to Hoyle Gym and Fitness Center for a battle between Soldiers of the 16th and 143rd Ordnance Battalions March 19.

April 21

Maryland Congressman C.A. "Dutch" Ruppersberger gets a better understanding of the warfighter mission during a tour of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, hosted by Boles April 11.

Company G, 16th Ordnance Battalion cases its colors, ending its seven-month mission of processing and retraining members of the Individual Ready Reserve during a deactivation ceremony at building 4218 April 14.

The Aberdeen Chemical Agent Disposal Facility is awarded an Engineering Excellence Award from the American Council of Engineering Companies for the design, construction, testing and start-up support of the ABCDF Ton Container Cleanout system.

Eighty lieutenants from the OC&S Officer Basic Course are officially welcomed into the corps during a regimental induction ceremony hosted by Boles at the Ordnance Museum April 12.

Boles delivers the morning message at the 143rd Ordnance Battalion prayer breakfast held at the Edgewood National Guard Armory March 28.

Former OC&S public affairs officer, the late Ed Starnes who died Feb. 19, one month after retiring after 35 years of government service, 18 with the OC&S, is memorialized during a ceremony at the APG Post Chapel.

The Ladies Auxiliary of American Legion Post 128 in Aberdeen honors two APG families during its start of the 2005 American Legion Blue Star Salute April 2. Honored were Sgt. Raul Villalobos and his wife Daisy of the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine and Pfc. Thomas Peltier and his wife Staci of the 22nd Chemical Battalion.

April 28

Sgt. Raul Villalobos, CHPPM, and Pfc. Victor Robledo, Company A, 22nd Chemical Battalion, are named APG's NCO and Soldier of the Year after a selection board by the installation's top NCOs April 21.

Command Sgt. Maj. Marvin W. Womack Sr. becomes the first 20th Support Command (CBRNE) command sergeant major during a ceremony at the Edgewood Conference Center April 15.

For the first time, Edgewood Chemical and Biological Center hazardous materials specialists use the Army's Explosive Destruction System to destroy seven pressurized cylinders of hydrogen cyanide, a hazardous industrial chemical April 26. The EDS has been used at other locations nationwide to destroy chemical warfare materiel.

The 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) signs a monitoring partnership agreement with Hall's Cross Roads Elementary School.

Command Sgt. Maj. John D. Sparks, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, reviews the noncommissioned officer education system or NCOES with OC&S Soldiers during a visit to APG April 21.

As part of a three-year project to reduce the deer tick population on APG, the Directorate of Installation Operations, in cooperation with the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, places four Four-poster Deer Feeding Stations at select locations throughout the installation.

MWR hosts the annual Spring Fest and Outdoor Recreation Expo with a Spring Fling Parade and a host of other activities April 16.

The Maryland Army National Guard Armory is dedicated to the late Maj. Gen. Warren D. Hodges during a ceremony at the armory hosted by Lt. Gen. H. Steven Blum, chief of the National Guard Bureau, March 25.

Youths in the APG Child Development Center learn how plants grow and benefit the world by planting 'baby' spider plants in celebration of Earth Day April 22.

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Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON
of their canines as it looks for victims in the
rs June 9.



Photos by JOE ONDEK
A young APG eaglet spreads its wings while it is held
high by wildlife rehabilitator Kathy Woods before being
prepared for transport to its nest.



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON
From left, Edwin "Bud" Huson and state commander John "Jack" Meyers of the American Ex-Prisoners of War, and
Orville Hughes, Maryland Veteran of the Year, admire the state memorial to Maryland's former prisoners of war after
the dedication ceremony at the U.S. Army Ordnance Museum April 9.

June

June 2

Nadeau and RDECOM Command Sgt. Maj. Eloy Alcivar host the APG Memorial Day tribute at the Edgewood Cemetery May 30.

APG Garrison chaplain (Capt.) Yun J. Kim is the keynote speaker for the Asian Pacific Heritage Month observance at the Post Recreation Center May 24. Combest hosted the program.

The APG Military and Civilian Spouses' Club awards three scholarships during a reception at the home of Brig. Gen. Walter Davis May 24. The awardees are Angela Dennis, \$1,250; Matthew Jackson, \$1,250; and Kristin Jones, \$1,000.

Harford County mural artist Lori Diebert completes a wall-sized mural at the Louisiana Army National Guard Armory in Napoleonville she was commissioned to produce as a homecoming surprise for Company C, 1088th Engineer Battalion, which is serving in Iraq.

June 9

Eighty civilians receive awards at the Baltimore Federal Executive Board awards ceremony.

One hundred and thirty three years of federal service were honored through the efforts of May's retirees, Master Sgt. Steven M. Bryant and Isaac Evans Jr., 20th Support Command; Staff Sgt. Carl E. Woodruff II, 389TH Army Band (AMC's Own); Donald J. Palughi Sr., ECBC; and William W. (Bill) Campbell, Program Manager for Chemical Demilitarization.

Dr. Edward M. Schmidt, U.S. Army Research Laboratory, received a 2004 Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Service.

Dr. George Famini, ECBC, was named one of the Top 10 Outstanding AMC Personnel of the Year.

June 16

APG Garrison emergency responders, tenant activities and elements of the Upper Chesapeake Health System and Baltimore County firefighters conduct an emergency response exercise testing their readiness and proficiency June 9.

Katherine Hill, the daughter of Lt. Col. Benjamin Hill, CHPPM, wins first place in the annual eCYBERMISSION competition, 9th grade level for the Northeast Region along with classmates Tim Krajewki, Ray Grewe and advisor Tim Perry.

CHPPM health physicist David Paul Alberth receives the Joseph Lovell Award for 2004. The award is presented each spring for the CHPPM staff member who demonstrates exceptional initiative, creativity, and professional excellence.

June 23

The new Minority College Relations Program, which seeks to form partnerships with Historically Black Colleges and other minority institutions, is established at APG under the auspices of the U.S. Army Garrison's Equal Employment Opportunity Office. Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Neslie Ethridge is appointed to head the office.

Police officers from the DLES Police Academy lead the Special Olympics of Maryland Torch Run from Havre de Grace to Aberdeen June 14. Deputy provost marshal Kenneth Masoner leads the runners.

Personnel from the DSHE and DIO, under the leadership of endangered species biologist John Paul, DSHE, return an injured eaglet to its nest atop a 40-foot tower using a bucket truck June 14.

June 30

Maj. Gen. Roger A. Nadeau, commander, APG and U.S. Army Research Development and Engineering Command receives his second star.

MWR hosts first APG Talent Search. Winners were first place Pvt. Shawn Brantley, Company B, 16th Ordnance Battalion; second place, The Freestate Youth Singers and third place, Sgt. Tara Goodman, Headquarters and Headquarters, 61st Ordnance Brigade.

Eagle Scout Leader Erik Lesniak, leads project to beautify grounds around building 4304.

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May

May 5

The U.S. Army Developmental Test Command's Aberdeen Test Center signs a cooperative agreement with the University of Maryland, officially establishing the Maryland Center for Automotive Research and Testing, or MCART April 9.

Sgt. Albert Killian, CHPPM, and Jennita Cohen, a DLES security guard, are credited with helping to save the life of one victim in a two-vehicle crash on Interstate 95 April 27.

Command Sgt. Maj. Manuel Torres, OMMS, retires after a 30-year career during a ceremony at the APG Athletic Center April 1.

William Stone, 15, Tommy Stone, 12, and Reshad Kimble, 12, take first, second and third place, respectively, in the Child and Youth Services chess tournament held at the Aberdeen Youth Center April 23.

ECBC deploys packaging specialists Dean Hansen and Dexter Jennings to Camp Arijjan, Kuwait, to assist the AMC Packaging Support Team and the Coalition Forces Land Component Command.

May 12

Col. John T. Wright, Garrison commander, announces plans for a School Street Picnic Area Improvements project, part of the Enhanced Use Lease agreement, which will result in a new recreation area and is slated for completion in 2007.

Hundreds attend the APG Spring Information Technology Expo with 45 vendors hosted by APG's DOIM and RDECOM at Top of the Bay April 20.

Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Elvis Irby awards the first Yard of the Month awards after the program's revitalization. The winners include Col. Marshall Cox, Plumb Point Loop; Col. Timothy Madere, Everett Road; Marine Corps Master Sgt. Michael Ryan, Patriot Village; Staff Sgt. Douglas Burnett, Bayside Village and Staff Sgt. Danny Hudgins, APG Mobile Home Park.

Child and Youth Services announce the winners of the Boys and Girls Clubs of America ImageMakers Photography Contest. The winners from Aberdeen are Ramonya Reynard, 14; Dasia Robinson, 11, Brushay Johnson-Lee, 10; Conner Tuohy, 7, Dominique Gibson, 11; Desiree Jones, 9; and Jamie Hyde, 9. In Edgewood the winners are Jake Kluchinsky, 11; Aurora Taylor, 8; Alexandra Vincent, 8; and Kayla Williams, 14.

May 19

The Department of Defense announces the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure recommendations May 13. Net impacts to APG include the loss of 600 permanent party military personnel, 2,800 military and civilian students, and 300 civilian employees, and a gain of more than 5,300 civilian employees. Activities proposed for relocation away from APG include the U.S. Ordnance Center and Schools to Fort Lee, Va., and the U.S. Army Environmental Center to Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

APG's Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security is awarded national accreditation by the Commission on the Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., or CALEA, after a five-day evaluation that included file inspections and panel interviews.

Col. R. Mark Brown, deputy commander, Systems of Systems Integration, RDECOM is promoted to brigadier general during a

ceremony at the Edgewood Conference Center May 13. Lt. Gen. Joseph L. Yakovac Jr., military deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology presided over the ceremony.

Wright signs a new union agreement with the installation's guard force represented by Security Officer Antonio Caprinolo, president of Local 2058 National Federation of Federal Employees, during a ceremony at Garrison headquarters May 4.

Paul W. Grimm, U.S. magistrate judge, U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland, is the guest speaker at the APG Garrison Law Day 2005 observance hosted by the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate at Top of the Bay April 28.

Company A, 16th Ordnance Battalion wins the 2005 intramural deadlift competition held at Hoyle Gym April 23. Second place goes to Company B, 16th and the 430th Transportation Company takes third.

May 26

APG volunteers are recognized for helping save the installation \$604,071 over the past year during the 2005 Volunteer Recognition Ceremony held at Top of the Bay April 19. Volunteers of the Year include Spc. Chad Emrick, military; Jerry Nook, retiree; Lawrence E. Oswald, civilian; Sabrina Renee Patterson, family member; and Abby Burnett, youth.

The Ordnance Corps celebrates 193 years of 'service to the line' with a two-day anniversary celebration consisting of the Ordnance Ball at Top of the Bay May 13 and the Ordnance Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony at the Ordnance Museum May 14.

The Harford County Chamber of Commerce hosts the 28th Annual Military Appreciation Week luncheon at Top of the Bay May 19. Rick Weiner, co-chairman of the Military Affairs Committee and William B. Securro, chamber president and CEO, are co-hosts and Nadeau is the guest speaker.

The U.S. Army Environmental Center is named the 2005 Government/Military Community Service Organization of the Year by the Harford County Human Rights Commission for providing more than 300 hours of curriculum support to Edgewood Elementary School in 2004 during a ceremony at the Bel Air Church of the Nazarene April 21.

The U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency, Edgewood Chemical Activity and the Aberdeen Chemical Agent Disposal Facility celebrate the completion of mustard agent draining and neutralization with a ceremony at Edgewood High School April 30. U.S. Senator Paul Sarbanes, Harford County Executive James Harkins and Maryland Emergency Management Agency director John Droneburg are among the guests.

Three MRICD Soldiers, Sgt. Nicole Washington and Spcs. Nicholas Kirschten and Ardicio Galvao earn jump wings after three weeks of training at the Fort Benning, Ga. Airborne School.

Swan Creek Inn names custodial supervisor Lisa Lipford its 2005 Employee of the Year.

Brig. Gen. Michael L. Combest, DTC, presides over the retirement ceremony of two of his own, Sgt. 1st Class Duffie R. Robertson, DTC equal opportunity advisor, and Christine E. Everett, executive assistant to the commander, during a retirement ceremony at Top of the Bay April 28.



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July

July 7 Staff Sgt. Christy taught the basics of gardening, children of the Child Development Center beautify the play area around the building by planting flower beds.

Col. William A. Rice assumes command of Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic from Col. John M. Wempe during a change of command ceremony June 24.

Maj. Jeffrey S. Winston assumes command of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, USAG, from Maj. Anissa M. McNeill during a change of command ceremony June 27.

Col. Michelle C. Ross, former deputy commander of the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense is selected as one of Maryland's Top 100 Women by the Daily Record, Maryland's business and legal newspaper.

Farlow leads DLES, ACS, the Army Substance Abuse Program and DSHE's Fire and Emergency Services in conducting a nine-station Bicycle Rodeo, the first on APG since 1997.

APG's Mitchell House celebrated its centennial with an open house during Historic Preservation Week. The Victorian home was built in 1905, and is located near the Ruggles Golf Course on post.

July 14 Staff Sgt. Christine Shannon, 389th Army Band (AMC's Own), is selected as the 2005 U.S. Army Materiel Command Noncommissioned Officer of the Year.

Spc. John L. Wild of the U.S. Army Soldier Systems Center, RDECOM is named AMC Soldier of the Year.

Nadeau presents a flag that was flown over the U.S. Capitol to Vietnam and Desert Storm veteran Bob Rodeheaver during 4th of July Salute to Cecil County veterans.

The Edgewood Dental Clinic reopens for service members with a new look and upgraded dental equipment and features after months of renovation June 28.

Staff Sgt. Robert E. Hodge, 20th Support Command (CBRNE), is awarded the Purple Heart Medal for injuries sustained while deployed to Iraq during a June 27 ceremony. Brig. Gen. Walt Davis, commander, 20th Support Command, presented the award.

Hundreds attend the Susquehanna Chapter of Blacks in Government's third annual Celebration of Juneteenth in Aberdeen's Festival Park June 18.

RDECOM chaplain Lt. Col. Carol Vanschenkof presents a command proclamation to Edgewood resident Charlotte Chase a survivor of the 1945 explosion in a warehouse on the former Edgewood Arsenal that took the lives of 12 femaleworkers.

MWR hosts a rematch of the Amateur Boxing Tournament between the 16th and 143rd Ordnance battalions. Hundreds attend the event held outdoors in the parking lot of the Aberdeen Athletic Center.

July 21 Col. John P. Rooney assumes command of the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center from Col. Mary. K. Brown during a change of command and retirement ceremony for Brown June 21.

Lt. Col. Linwood Clark Jr. assumes command of the 143rd Ordnance Battalion from Lt. Col. Robert Pastorelli during a ceremony at Hoyle Gymnasium July 7. Boles presided over the ceremony.

The 22nd Chemical Battalion (CBRNE) conducts its first change of command ceremony, welcoming Lt. Col. Patrick R. Terrell and bidding farewell to outgoing commander, Lt. Col. Franz Amann. Davis presided over the ceremony.

Three Soldiers and seven civilians end their careers during a retirement ceremony at the Ball Conference Center June 29. The June retirees are Chief Warrant Officer 3 Kurt Schultz, OC&S; Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Yungandreas, OC&S; Sgt. 1st Class James Ables, OC&S; Stephen English, RDECOM; Clinton Wilson, Civilian Human Resources Agency; Roland Polimdei, U.S. Army Evaluation Center; Jon Knapstein, MRICD; Edward Wilson III, USAGAPG; Kenneth Lancelloti, CHPPM; and Richard Coale, CHPPM.

APG teens Raymond Burroughs, Ryan Anderson, Juan Ponce and Curtis Swauger receive first place trophies after winning the state bowling championship in the age 15 and up category during a ceremony at the APG Bowling Center June 4.

The APG Military and Civilian Spouses' Club donates \$2,100 to community organizations during a ceremony at the Ordnance Museum June 8. The recipients include Magnolia Elementary School, \$500; Alpha's Glory Crisis Pregnancy Center, \$500; Birthright Pregnancy Resource Center, \$400; Gold Star Operation of APG, \$300; APG Police Services McGruff House, \$200; and Aberdeen High School Science and Mathematics Academy, \$200.

July 28 ACS celebrates 40 years of service to Army Soldiers, retirees, civilians and family members during a community picnic at the Maryland Boulevard picnic area July 21.

Military spouse Lorna L. "Lori" Frendak is selected the 2005-2006 Harford County Public Schools teacher of the year. The special education teacher at North Harford Middle School is the wife of Lt. Col Tom Frendak, a 22-year Army veteran who works as a consultant for the U.S. Army Environmental Center.

Boy Scout Austin Bouchard, the son of 203rd Military Intelligence executive officer Maj. Ray Bouchard, is selected for the Order of the Arrow by fellow scouts during a Scout meeting held at Camp Spencer at the Broad Creek Memorial Scout Reservation July 1.

Maj. Claudia Henemre-Harriss, a researcher with MRICD, is inducted into the Academic All-America Hall of Fame by the College of Sports Information Directors of America for her achievements as a biology and German major while participating in soccer, softball and basketball at Western Maryland College in Westminster.

Jay Weir, the son of Lt. Col. Alan Weir, CHPPM, leads Boy Scout Troop 802 in conducting a Bicycle Safety Rally for his Eagle Scout project in Edgewood July 16.



Photo by TESIA WILLIAMS
Staff Sgt. Christine Shannon, 389th Army Band (AMC's Own), applies camouflage to her face prior to taking the common task test during the 2005 U.S. Army Materiel Command Noncommissioned Officer of the Year competition. Shannon is the first female to be named NCO of the year to win at the AMC level in eight years.



Photo by CONRAD JOHNSON, RDECOM
Brig. Gen. Walt Davis, left, commander 20th Support Command (CBRNE), congratulates Staff Sgt. Robert Hodge who was awarded the Purple Heart medal for injuries sustained while deployed in Iraq.

August

Aug. 4 The 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) is awarded the Army Superior Unit Award for "outstanding meritorious performance while in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom" during a ceremony at the band's practice facility July 28.

More than 200 attend the APG Education Center College Fair featuring 25 institutions of higher learning at the Post Recreation Center July 27.

The DSHE Environmental Restoration Division Community Involvement Program is recognized for submitting the winning poster during the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's National Community Involvement Conference in Buffalo, N.Y., July 12 to 15.

CMA wins three awards from the Maryland chapter of the Public Relations Society of America in the categories of community relations, research and evaluation and advertorial.

Aug. 11 Eighty-one children and 38 adults participate in the 2005 Vacation Bible School held Aug. 1 to 5 at the Aberdeen Chapel.

Youths from the Edgewood Youth Center join youths from Darlington and Dublin to participate in the National Kid's Day celebration and carnival at Francis Silver Park in Darlington Aug. 3.

Youth Services Sports and Fitness program sponsors an English Soccer camp, welcoming British coaches Paul Grills and Terry Roberts through the Challenger Sports Program.

Aug. 18 The Christian Rock band ApologetiX entertains fans with their message-heavy music at the Post Theater June 26.

The U.S. Marine Corps Detachment wins the intramural soft-ball championship over Company E 16th Ordnance Battalion 14-7, 20-4 after a double-header on Shine Sports Field Aug. 11.

Aug. 25 APG police officer Matt Long is named 'Maryland's Strongest Cop' for the second consecutive year after the annual weightlifting meet involving 10 different law enforcement agencies around the state that benefits the Special Olympics of Maryland.

The DLES hosts National Night Out Against Crime with a cookout for housing area residents at the McGruff House in Patriot Village Aug. 12.

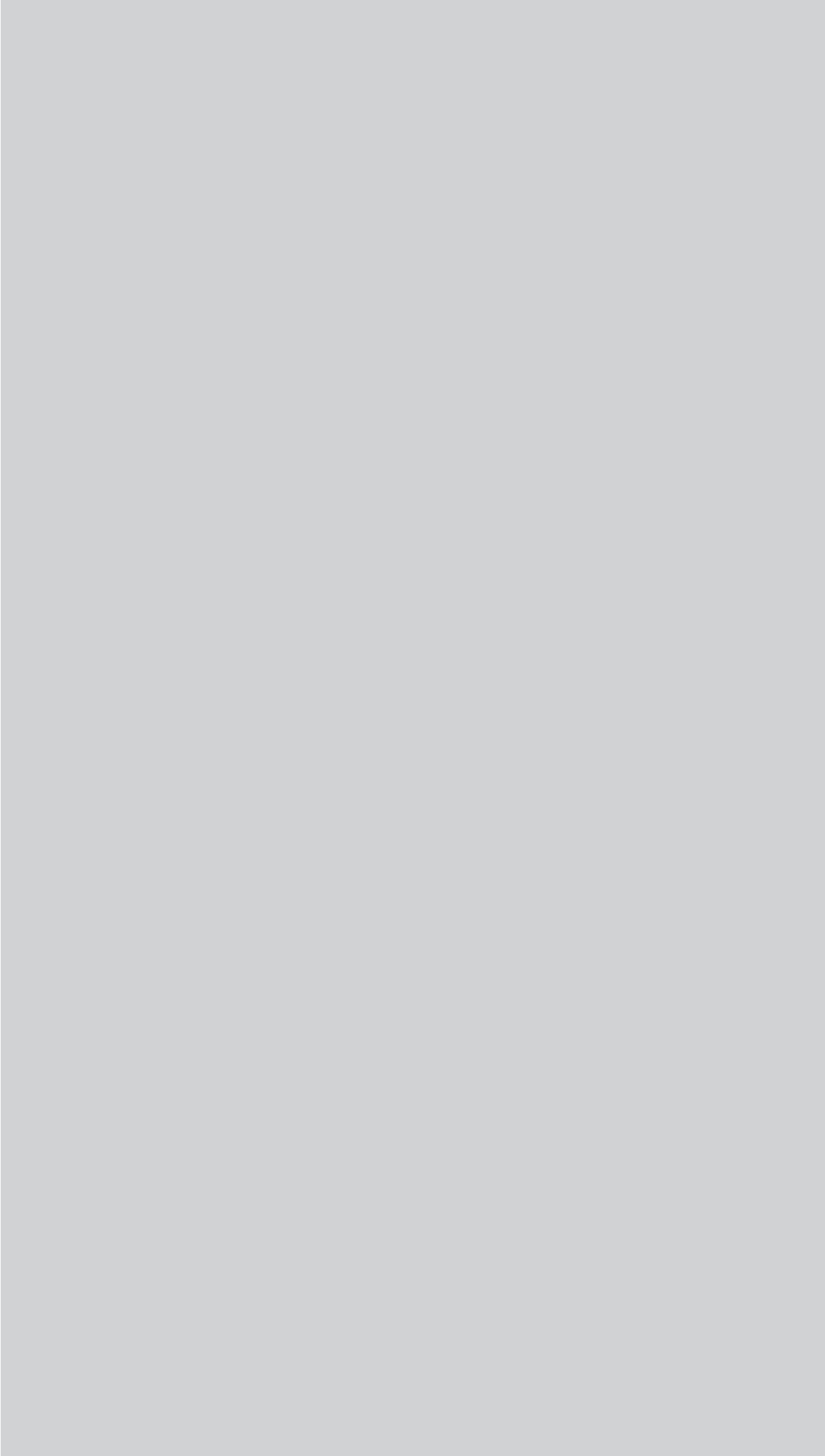
APG's Family Child Care hosts the 7th Annual Stand For Children's Day at Maryland Boulevard Park June 29.

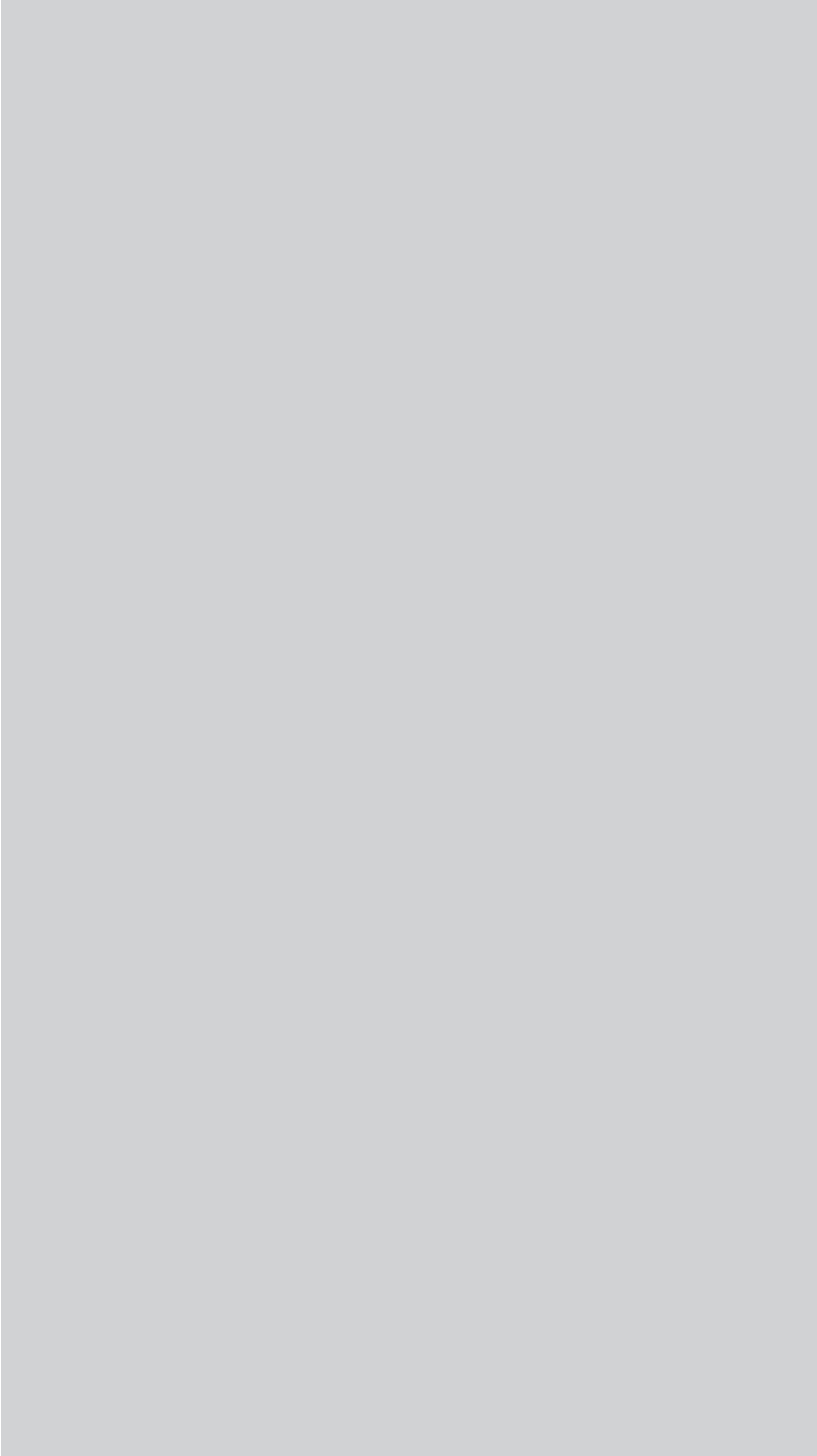


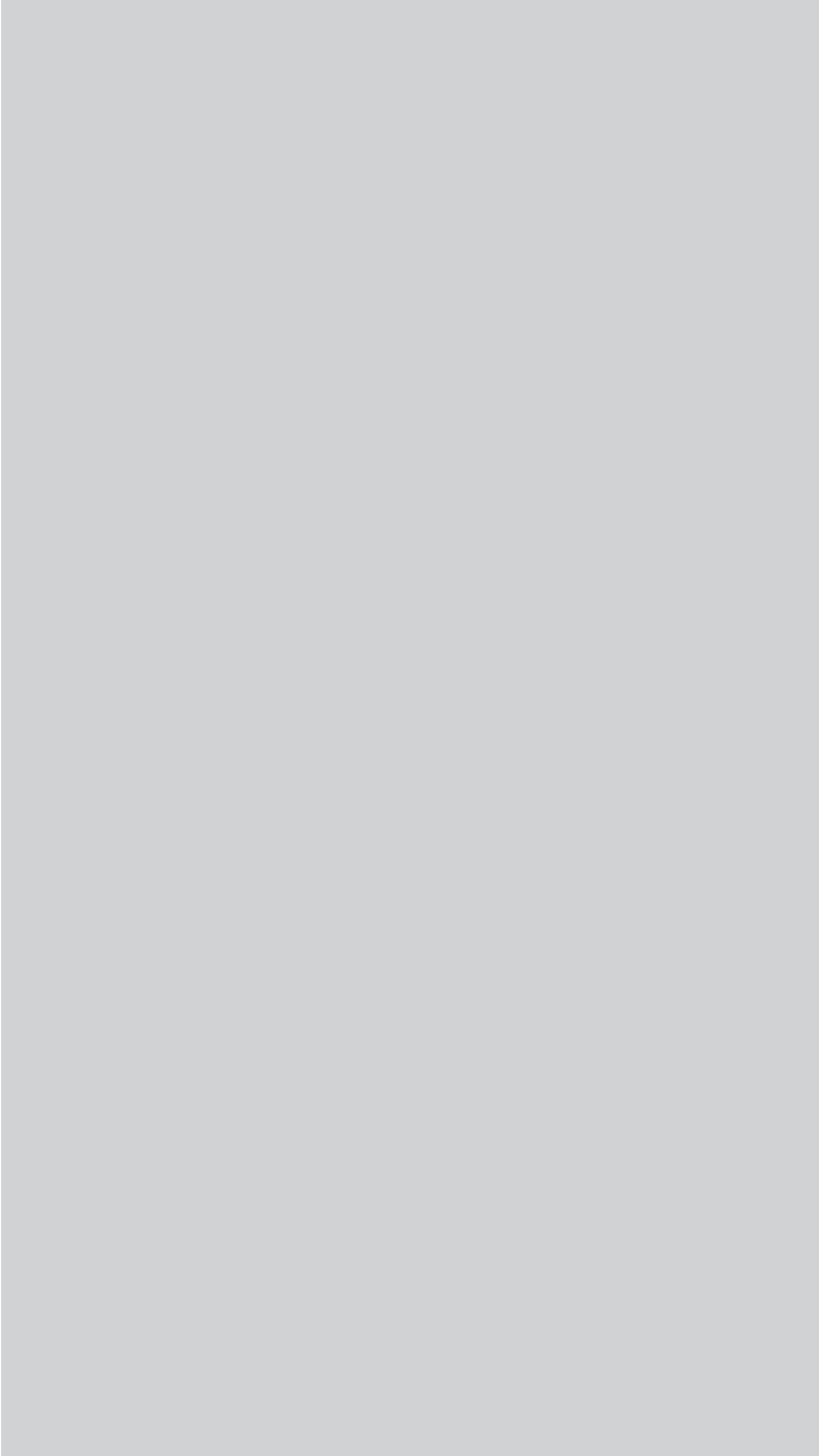
Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON
An examining suite in the newly remodeled Edgewood Dental Clinic offers a modern look and technological upgrades to better serve deploying Soldiers.



Photo by Officer MIKE FARLOW, DLES
Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security police officer Matt Long dead lifts 700 pounds to win his second consecutive Maryland's Strongest Cop competition, an annual event benefiting the Special Olympics of Maryland, hosted by the Howard County Police Department. The event was held at the Colosseum Gym in Columbia Aug. 14.







2005

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September

Sept. 1

Davis relinquishes command of the 20th Support Command (CBRNE) to Lt. Gen. David McKiernan, U.S. Army Forces Command during a ceremony on McBride Parade Field Aug. 5. Col. Paul Plemmons, deputy commander, will serve as interim commander until Davis' replacement arrives.

Country divas Terri Clark, Julie Roberts, Chely Wright and Miranda Lambert entertain more than 3,000 fans during the Miller Lite Army Entertainment concert tour hosted by MWR on Shine Sports Field Aug. 20.

Mike Berry, a special agent for the 902nd Military Intelligence Group becomes the one-millionth MWR receipt holder after a purchase at the APG Bowling Center. Berry received five lunches at Top of the Bay, five golf outings with cart, \$300 to be used at Choice Hotels and an MWR goody bag filled with pens, mugs and other treats.

Capt. Scott Willens, MRICD, advances to the semi-final rounds in the Military Idol competition held at Fort Myer, Va., Aug. 25 after performing the song "Babe" by STYX.

Sept. 8

Boles is promoted to major general during a ceremony at the Ball Conference Center Aug. 31. Lt. Gen. Anthony Jones, acting commander, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command presides over the ceremony.

Willens moves on to the local Military Idol finals after performing the song "Don't Stop Believing" by Journey.

APG Youth Services hosts its first lacrosse camp for boys ages 6 to 14 at the Edgewood Youth Center June 25. Cecil Community College hosts a basketball camp for the seventh year in a row at the Edgewood Youth Center the week of July 18.

Sept. 15

The OC&S hosts a Ceremony remembering the 94 ordnance Soldiers who have lost their lives since the start of the War on Terror at Ordnance Circle Sept. 9. Col. Frank R. Merritt, commander of the 61st Ordnance Brigade, hosts the ceremony.

APG drill sergeant, Sgt. 1st Class Duane Edwards, Company A, 143rd Ordnance Battalion wins first place in the 165-pound division during the 2005 Ringside World Championships held at the KCI Expo Center in Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 2 to 6.

Col. Kevin R. Wendel assumes command of the 20th Support Command (CBRNE) during a ceremony on McBride Parade Field in Edgewood Sept. 21.

Governor Robert L. Ehrlich Jr. authorizes the further deployment of Maryland National Guardsmen to assist Louisiana with its Hurricane Katrina relief efforts Sept. 3.

Eighty-five current and former veterans attend the first Transition Assistance Workshop held in building 4305 and hosted by the APG Garrison Adjutant Office and the Maryland Division of Workforce Development Aug. 26.

Sept. 22

Staff Sgt. Javelle Spann, CHPPM, receives assistance from the Aberdeen Thrift Shop, Commissary and other organizations after taking in four family members from New Orleans who are left homeless by Hurricane Katrina.

Willens moves on to the Army-wide Military Idol competition at Fort Gordon Georgia, Oct. 17-22 after winning the regional finals at Fort Myer, Va., Sept. 8. Willens sang "Lights" by Journey.

Maryland Army National Guard Col. Alberto J. Jimenez of Edgewood is promoted to brigadier general during a ceremony at the Fifth Regiment Armory in Baltimore Aug. 20.

Maj. Claudia L. Henemyre-Harris succeeds Capt. Matthew A. Moser as the detachment commander/adjutant of MRICD during a ceremony at the Edgewood facility Aug. 31.

Sept. 29

The U.S. Army unveils its Future Combat Systems program at Aberdeen Test Center Sept. 21. Secretary of the Army Francis J. Harvey applauds the program.

The APG Garrison hosts public school meetings between representatives of Harford County Schools and concerned parents at the Post Chapel and at the Edgewood Conference Center Sept. 14 and 15.

Col. Kevin R. Wendel becomes the new commander of the 20th Support Command (CBRNE) during a ceremony at McBride Parade Field Sept. 21. Lt. Gen. Paul Plemmons, deputy commander, U.S. Army Forces Command, presides over the ceremony.

Army Community Service introduces Virtual Family Readiness Groups, an Army program designed to improve how information is passed to families when Soldiers are deployed at the ACS building Sept. 8.

The U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency announces plans to close its Community Outreach Office in Edgewood by Sept. 30.

DTC sends teams to Kuwait to collect tactical vehicle performance data to track wear and tear on vehicles in the combat zone.

ECBC develops a new test method to better determine the effectiveness of current sterilants and decontaminants. Dr. Jose-Luis Sagripanti, senior biochemistry research advisor initiated the efforts to develop the Quantitative Sporadical Three-Step Method.

Two APG Soldiers, Staff Sgt. Antonio Lewis and Sgt. Tarah Goodman, perform rap and poetry at the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers Conference in Lansdowne, Va., Sept. 15.

The 20th Annual Federal Women's Program Equality Day awards are presented during a ceremony at the Ball Conference Center Aug. 24. The winners are Dr. Pamela B. Barrett, ECBC, Woman of the Year; Gayle A. Olszyk, OC&S, Supervisor/Manager of the Year; and the U.S. Army Environmental Center, Activity Most Supportive of FWP Goals.

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Shoomaker tours the OC&S and Joint Personal Effects Detachment during a tour of APG Sept. 21. Boles hosts the tour.

APG environmentalists from CHPPM, ECBC, DSHE and RDECOM participate in the "How Can I Make a Difference" observance at the John Carroll School in Bel Air Sept. 12.



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON
Sgt. 1st Class Duane Edwards, a drill sergeant with Company A 143rd Ordnance Battalion and a three-time amateur world champion, poses with the Ringside World Championship belts he won in 2003, 2004 and 2005.

October

Oct. 6

Aberdeen High School sophomore Bret Borden, the son of retired Sgt. 1st Class Bret Borden Sr. plays basketball with Shaquille O'Neal of the Miami Heat after qualifying for the Nestle Crunch Hot Shot Camp at the University of Miami Aug. 13.

One Soldier and three civilians retire in Sept. 28 ceremony. Retirees include Chief Warrant Officer 4 Joseph J. Zielinski, the Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School; Krishan S. Goel, CHPPM; George G. Bruce III, CHPPM; and Ray T. Barksdale, DLES.

Oct. 13

Wright, Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Elvis Irby and Tim McNamara, director of DSHE, suit up with firefighters to learn firefighting techniques at the Northeast Regional Training Center Oct. 5.

RDECOM officially opens the ECBC Advanced Chemistry Laboratory, named for Dr. Edward J. Poziomek during a ceremony at the \$46 million facility Oct. 7. U.S. Senator Paul Sarbanes is in attendance.

Three hundred job seekers attend the 17th Annual Harford County Job Fair, co-hosted by ACS and Marilyn Howard, Employment Readiness Program manager, at the Richlin Ballroom in Edgewood Sept. 30.

MRICD hosts a visit from its commanding general, Brig. Gen. Eric Shoomaker, commander of the U.S. Army Medical Research and Medical Command Aug. 30.

MRICD hosts its second Army-wide competition for the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge Aug. 21 to 26. Fifty-nine Soldiers participate with 30 earning gold or silver badges.

Advanced Individual Training Soldiers in the OC&S begin weapons immersion training as part of a TRADOC initiative to prevent accidental discharge of weapons Oct. 2.

Oct. 20

The DOIM's Visual Information Services Division produces an AMC exhibit for the Association of the United States Army annual convention held in Washington, D.C. Oct. 3 to 5. Titled: It's About Them: Focused on the Warfighter," the exhibit echoes the theme of AMC commander Gen. Benjamin Griffin.

CMA wins two awards from the National Capitol Chapter of Public Relations Society of America in the exceptional achievement in public relations and community relations categories.

OC&S remembers Sgt. 1st Class Moses Armstead, a former 16th Ordnance Battalion Soldier who died as a result of non-combat related injuries en route to Afghanistan Oct. 6, during a ceremony at the Post Chapel Oct. 12.

The 'Hispanic renaissance' is hailed during the Hispanic Heritage Celebration at the Post Recreation Center Oct. 6. Dr. Jacob (Jake) Lozada, a retired Army colonel and assistant professor of medicine at George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences, is the guest speaker.

The aide to Combest, Capt. Michael Lind, is named one of Cosmopolitan magazine's '50 hottest bachelors' in its November issue.

Oct. 27

APG and Ivan Mehosky, Garrison schools liaison, host the Military Child Education Coalition conference held at Top of the Bay Sept. 25 and 26.

Dr. Bruce H. Jones, CHPPM manager of the Injury Prevention Program, skydives with the U.S. Army's Golden Knights parachute team during a demonstration for congressional staffers.

Dozens of APG service members and civilians attend Disability Awareness activities at the Edgewood Gunpowder Club featuring martial arts demonstrations by DLES police officers and displays by state and local vendors Oct. 13.

The 143rd Ordnance Battalion defeats the 16th Ordnance Battalion during MWR's third amateur boxing tournament held at Hoyle Gym Oct. 15.

Members of Detachment 1, 361st Training Squadron of the U.S. Air Force Detachment study battle principles during a tour of the Gettysburg National Military Park with Dr. William Atwater, director of the U.S. Army Ordnance Museum Oct. 6.



Photo by REBECCA J. CHISHOLM
The fire crew advances a hose-line on a propane gas flange fire during training.



Photo by RALPH BROTH
The Visual Information Services Division, part of the Aberdeen Proving Ground Directorate of Information Management, designed, coordinated and produced the U.S. Army Materiel Command exhibit displayed at the Association of the United States Army annual convention in Washington, D.C., Oct. 3 through 5. The exhibit theme "It's About Them: Focused on the Warfighter," echoed that of the multi-media presentation given by Gen. Benjamin Griffin, commanding general of the U.S. Army Materiel Command. The exhibit spotlighted three sub-themes Saving, Sustaining and Improving Lives, all primary focuses of AMC's mission. The AUSA annual meeting is the largest of the AUSA's annual events and is the largest single exhibit project VISD executes for AMC.



Photo by REBECCA J. CHISHOLM
Capt. Scott Willens, U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense, wows the crowd at Fort Myers' Spates Community Club with "Blaze of Glory" to win the local Military Idol Competition.

2005 Rewind



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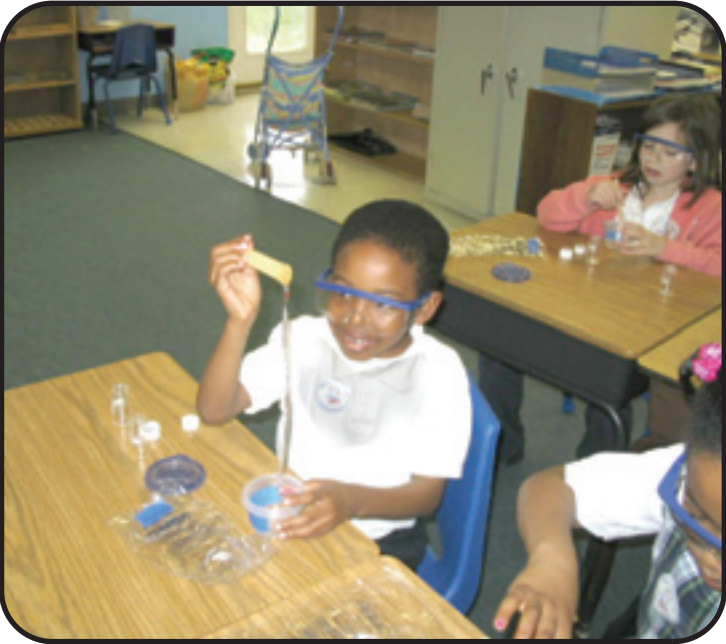


Photo courtesy of ARL
Youths at Children's Manor Montessori in Ellicott City make slime during National Chemistry Week as part of a U.S. Army Research Laboratory science outreach program activity.



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON
Demonstrating the destructive force of a typical kitchen grease fire, Col. John T. Wright, Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison commander, donned protective gear to extinguish the blaze in the Fire Department's fire prevention mobile unit during the installation's first Community Awareness Day Oct. 15.



Photo by CHUCK SPRAGUE
The rock ensemble of the 389th Army Band, (AMC's Own) billed as "Raw Materiel," began an extended Southwest Asia tour of military sites at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, Nov. 19. The 10-member group performed at sites in Kuwait, Qatar, Iraq and Afghanistan through December. From left Sgt. Gabriel Sanchez on keyboard and Sgt. John Lindsay and Sgt. Steven Lah, perform vocals.



Photo by REBECCA J. CHISHOLM
Becky Stump, secure systems operator, left, and Carol McVey, Program Support, prepare toys to be handed out to needy Edgewood and APG children.

Nov. 3

Hundreds attend the APG Garrison Community Awareness Day with displays and demonstrations by the DLES, ACS, ASAP and DSHE firefighters with a focus on kitchen safety Oct. 15.

APG Military Idol contestant Willens makes the top 16 in the national finals held Oct. 17 to 23 at Fort Gordon, Ga.

The RDECOM Corporate Information Office hosts the 2005 Annual Fall Information Technology Expo at the Edgewood Gunpowder Club Oct. 26.

The Garrison Public Affairs Office announces the new, user friendly Web site of the *APG News* designed by graphic designer Blake Voshell Nov. 3.

The Harford County Committee on Employment names Thomas Martin, an electronics technician with ATC, its employee of the year, and presented the Harford County Merit Award to Michael Graziano of DOIM.

Command Sgt. Maj. Larry D. Robinson, DTC, and Chief Warrant Officer 5 Rodney K. Rollman retire after a combined 60 years of service during a retirement ceremony at Top of the Bay Oct. 26. Combest presides over the ceremony.

Former APG Child and Youth Services employee Holly Curtsinger is the first to graduate from Harford Community College with an A.A.S degree in Early Childhood Education, which was made possible by the new Community College Articulation agreement between APG and HCC.

Nov. 9

Hundreds attend the 2005 U.S. Army Soldier Show titled 'Operation America Cares' at the Post Theater Oct. 29 and 30.

The APG Garrison and RDECOM examine energy alternatives that could 'greatly enhance' APG installation energy security during a conference at Top of the Bay Oct. 27. Wright hosts the meeting.

U.S. Navy commander Katherine O'Neill Tracy is the guest speaker at the 2005 Retiree Appreciation Day attended by 170 retirees at the Post Recreation Center Oct. 22.

Nov. 17

Former POW Dr. Paul M. Needham Jr. is the guest speaker at the Veteran's Day program hosted by the U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity Nov. 9.

Sixty-seven faculty and staff members from Roye-Williams Elementary School tour the OC&S as part of the school partnership agreement between the school and the 16th Ordnance Battalion.

Nov. 23

The U.S. Army Environmental Center, 22nd Chemical Battalion (CBRNE), 61st Ordnance Brigade, 143rd Ordnance Battalion and DLES host activities with youths at Edgewood Elementary School during Military Appreciation and Awareness Day Nov. 8.

Ron Warren, a Cherokee Indian and celebrated flutist, is the guest performer at the Native American Heritage Month program hosted by the APG Native American Employment Program Committee at the Post Recreation Center Nov. 8. RDECOM Command Sgt. Maj. Eloy Alcivar is the guest speaker.

APG Soldier entertainers Capt. Scott Willens and Sgt. Tara Goodman, MRICD, and Sgt. 1st Class Henry Owens, 20th Support Command (CBRNE) perform a USO variety show for hospitalized veterans at the Perry Point Veterans Administration Medical Center in Perryville during Veterans Day activities Nov. 11.

The staff of the Edgewood Child Development Center holds its annual Fall Festival featuring games and activities for the center's youths Oct. 28.

Members of the Protestant Women of the Chapel stuff 100 shoe boxes with toys and treats for needy children during Operation Christmas Child Nov. 7.

RDECOM Command Sgt. Maj. Eloy H. Alcivar presents a \$2,000 savings bond to local eCYBERMISSION winner Katherine Hill, the daughter of Lt. Col. Benjamin Hill, MRICD for receiving an Application of Science and Technology award for she and her teammates' eCYBERMISSION project.

The APG Burger King reopens with a new art deco look and handicap-accessible features after a month-long renovation project Nov. 8.

The 143rd Ordnance Battalion demonstrates the honorable disposal process for a U.S. flag during a flag disposition ceremony in Edgewood Oct. 28. Battalion Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Green presides over the ceremony.

Dec. 1

The USMC Detachment wins the intramural soccer post championship, shutting out MRICD 3-0 on Shine Sports Field Nov. 9.

The 22nd Chemical Battalion wins its first intramural flag football post championship 13-7, over MRICD Nov. 22.

Dec. 8

U.S. Senator Barbara Mikulski announces the dedication of \$1.5 million to the Aberdeen Technology Transfer Initiative during a tour of the ECBC Advanced Chemistry Laboratory Dec. 1.

Officers from the Harford Count Sheriff's Department meet with APG youths to educate them on the presence of gangs in the surrounding community.

Thirty-two volunteers from ARL's Weapons and Materials Research Directorate present science demonstrations in Maryland and Delaware schools during National Chemistry Week in October.

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Paul M. Thurston, 203rd Military Intelligence Battalion, is awarded the title of Demonstrated Master Logistician by the International Society of Logistics Nov. 22, the first awarded since the program began in 2004.

Dec. 15

DIO introduces weekly APG News column called "Energy Matters," promoting conservation of energy across the installation and at home.

Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Elvis Irby presents the first Yard of the Year awards to conclude the revitalized Yard of the Month program begun in the spring of 2005. The Yard of the Year winners are Col. John Ciesla, Everett Road; Command Sgt. Maj. Marvin Womack, Plumb Point Loop; Staff Sgt. Stephen Thomas, Skippers Point; Staff Sgt. Danny Hudgins, APG Trailer Park; Staff Sgt. Christopher Gandee, Patriot Village; and Staff Sgt. Jared Mandeville, Bayside Village.

The USMC is awarded the 2005 Commander's Cup trophy after earning 165 points during the intramural sports season. Company B, 16th Ordnance Battalion earned second place with 115 points and Company A, 16th came in third with 75.

USMC Sgt. Aaron Enns is selected Sports Representative of the Year.

MWR's Outdoor Recreation program is the winner of the Army's 2005 Best Outdoor Recreation Program for medium-sized installations. The award was announced Oct. 17. Wright presented the award to Outdoor Recreation staff members Dec. 12.

The APG Combined Federal Campaign staff announces that the installation exceeded its goal of \$350,000, topping \$362,000 in donations.

Dec. 22

The Northeast Civilian Personnel Operations Center presents the 'Eye on the Soldier' show featuring spouses of deployed service members, skits and an original video during its second annual holiday salute to Soldiers at the Post Recreation Center Dec. 15.

The RDECOM/CMA Holiday Food and Toy Drive to benefit families on and off post culminates with a reception at ECBC hosted by Nadeau.



The APG Garrison's Fire and Emergency Services Division, Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment, wish all members of the armed forces a quiet and peaceful holiday. Fire Inspector Doug Farrington designed the theme assisted by members of the division.

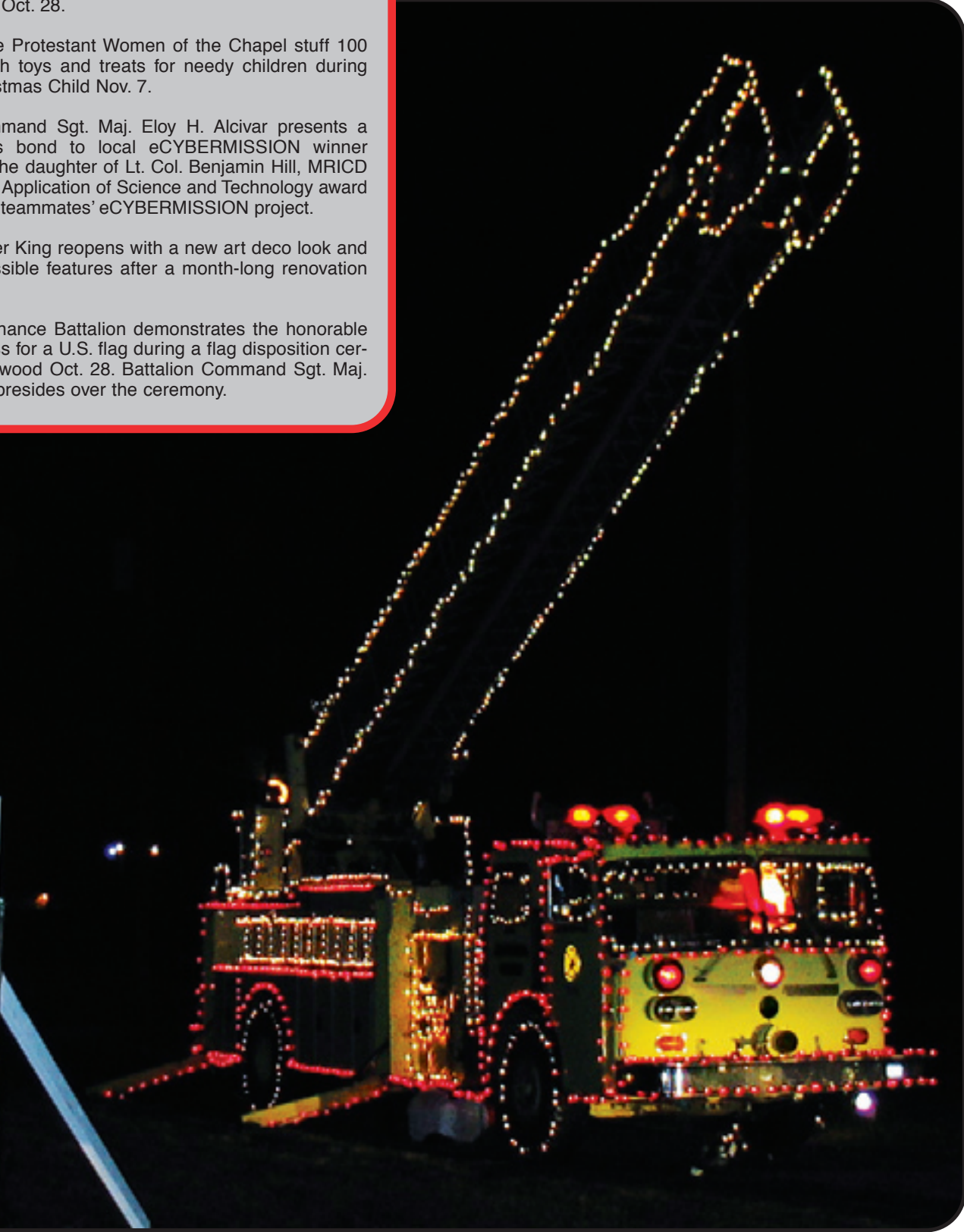


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